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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7069**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1283

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 9, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Funding of 211 Services.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. VanDenburgh

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☐ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that if a local unit's emergency telephone system fund contains sufficient funds to pay all expenses of the unit's enhanced emergency telephone system, the unit's legislative body may appropriate any funds not needed to pay the expenses of the system to support the provision of 211 services (for human services information and referral services) in a 211 service area that includes the unit. It provides that a unit that seeks to appropriate excess emergency telephone system fees for 211 services must coordinate with: (1) the recognized 211 service provider for the 211 service area that includes the unit; and (2) the Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC); to direct the funds to the 211 services account for subsequent disbursement, in the form of a grant, to the 211 service provider serving the unit.

The bill also amends the statute establishing the 211 Services Account within the state General Fund to: (1) allow for the appropriation of excess emergency telephone system fees to the account by local units; and (2) specify that such appropriations must be disbursed from the account as grants to the 211 service providers serving the units making the appropriations.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill will increase the administrative expenditures of the IURC. Under this bill, a local unit's legislative body may appropriate excess emergency telephone system fees to provide additional funding for 211 services in their area. Then, the IURC must coordinate with the local unit and the 211 service provider in order to provide the appropriate disbursement as a grant to the service provider. The Account consists of appropriations from the General Assembly, funds from the federal government, investment earnings, and money from any other sources. According to the IURC, there are no funds in the 211 Services Account.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Any impact will depend upon local action, Under this bill, local unit legislative bodies may appropriate excess funds received from the emergency telephone system fees for additional funding for 211 services. The IURC will disburse funds from the 211 Services Accounts as grants to the 211 service providers.

**State Agencies Affected:** IURC.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local units.

**Information Sources:** IURC.

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